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SUBJECT: PARATROOP MUTINY: SITREP NO. TWENTY SEVEN

1. AS OF 12 NOON SITUATION IN COMMERCIAL SECTIONS OF LISBON APPEARS NORMAL. COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENTS, EXCEPT BANKS, ARE OPEN. STORES SLIGHTLY MORE CROWDED THAN USUAL, BUT NO SIGN OF PANIC BUYING. SOME SHELVES ARE EMPTY (PROBABLY NOT YET RESTOCKED FROM YESTERDAY'S HEAVY BUYING), BUT MEAT COUNTERS AND BREAD STORES APPEAR WELL STOCKED. SITUATION APPEARS NORMAL AT GAS STATIONS. NO SIGN OF MILITARY UNITS IN CENTER OF CITY. TRAFFIC APPEARS TO BE LIGHTER THAN USUAL. TWO DOWNTOWN RAILROAD STATIONS APPEAR OPERATING NORMALLY.

2. EMBASSY CONTACTED 10 US FIRMS IN VARIOUS PARTS OF LISBON INDUSTRIAL AREA, INCLUDING TWO IN INDUSTRIAL "RED BELT" REGION IMMEDIATELY SOUTH OF RIVER AND TWO IN RADICAL SETUBAL REGION. ALL REPORT CALM IN THEIR PLANTS AND IN THE IMMEDIATE VICINITY. NO ABNORMAL ABSENTEEISM OR WORKER AGITATION. ONE
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EXECUTIVE REPORTS THAT HIS PLANT WORKERS HAD CANCELLED PRE-PLANNED

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3. PORTUGUESE INDUSTRIAL CONFEDERATION (CIP) HAS SENT CABLE
TO COSTA GOMES PLEDGING ITS SUPPORT. CHIEF OF CABINET OF CIP,
PRESIDENT REPORTS THAT HE KNOWS OF NO WORK STOPPAGES.

4. BANKS ARE CLOSED TO PUBLIC, BUT ARE FUNCTIONING INTERNALLY
WITHOUT PROBLEMS. THEY EXPERIENCED NO MAJOR DEPOSIT WITHDRAWALS
YESTERDAY (NOV. 25), POSSIBLY BECAUSE THEY WERE ALREADY CLOSED
BY TIME GENERAL PUBLIC BECAME AWARE OF MILITARY DEVELOPMENTS.

5. BORDER WITH SPAIN REPORTEDLY OPEN AND OPERATING NORMALLY.
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